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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   | <b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b><br>J1036.0008/P008<br><b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)</b><br><b>107560248</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/IT2003/000397  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>26 June 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  |
| <b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b><br><b>PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE FOR AN APPARATUS FOR THE HANDLING OF CONTAINERS</b>  |   |  |
| <b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b><br>Andrea Zuccheri et al.  |   |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |  |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))<br/> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/> b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<br/> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<br/> b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<br/> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/> b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/> c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br/> d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |   |  |
| <b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>  |   |  |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p>   |   |  |

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| 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Return Receipt Postcard<br>International Preliminary Report   |              |   |                                  |  |        |              |              |  |           |  |  |  |           |  |  |                                 |  |           |  |   |  |  |  |              |              |   |      |         |       |  |            |  |  |  |  |        |              |              |      |              |           |  |        |                    |         |  |        |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                             |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |  |  |  |                                |
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